

Introduction
Luther's Small Catechism

We are here because God has called us by the gospel.

We are here to learn more about the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and His will for us!

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We are here....

- To learn what God expects and demands of us.
- To prepare to receive the Lord's Supper.
- To prepare to be Christ's Witness.

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We are here to grow in biblical knowledge.

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And to prepare to give the good confession of faith – before God, before the World, before His Church, before our Parents and Family.

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Six Chief Parts

Y Part One: The Ten Commandments
E Part Two: The Apostles Creed
A Part Three: The Lord's Prayer
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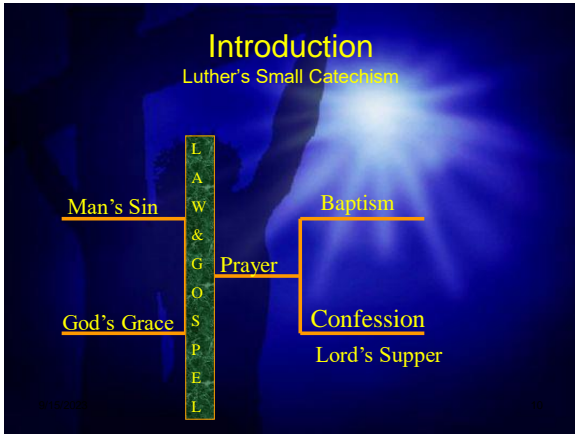
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Six Chief Parts

Y Part Four: The Sacrament of Holy
E Baptism
A Part Five: Confession and Absolution
R (The Office of the Keys)
Part Six: The Sacrament of the Altar

Two



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Dr. Martin Luther wrote the his catechism in 1529, to help people understand what the Bible taught concerning God's grace – forgiveness, and salvation.

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The Bible – Is God's Word

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Names Of the Bible

- Book of Books
- Holy Scripture
- The Scriptures

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Names Of the Bible

- Holy Writ
- The Word of God
- The Sword of the Spirit

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God's Revelation To Man

- God Tells Us His will
- God Reveals Himself

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The Bible Has Two Parts

Before Christ

B. C.

Anno Domini

In the Year of Our Lord

A. D.

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O. T.

N. T.

B.C.

A. D.

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39 Total

Books of the O.T.

Five of Law

Twelve of History

Five of Poetry

Five Major Prophets

Twelve Minor Prophets


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27 Total **Books of the N.T.**

Four Gospels	Eight General Epistles
One of History	One Book of Prophecy
Thirteen Pauline Epistles	

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O. T. **Jesus is the Link that joins the O.T. and the N. T.** **N. T.**



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Sixty Six Books in the Bible **Three Languages**

Hebrew Aramaic Koine Greek

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How was the Bible written?

2 Peter 1:21
and
2 Timothy 3:16

By men moved by the Holy Spirit.

“Analogy of Faith”

We let the clear word interpret those passages we cannot understand.

The Nature and make up of the Bible.

G. Purpose of the Bible

1. To make us Christian
2. A sign Post to point us to the Cross.
3. The bible is the sign post that points us in the only direction that leads to heaven and Christ is that road.
4. The only way to heaven is only through Jesus, you'll never get there by setting on the sign post or never reading it. To teach us. II Timothy 3:16 Doctrine means "teaching". Christian doctrine is what is taught in the bible.

Law and Gospel

A. Law L ive
 A ccording to God's
 W ill

L A W - Exodus 20 Ten commandments

1. The law was given twice.

 a) First in the heart of Man - Man knew right and wrong. See Romans 1:19 and Romans 2:14-15

Law and Gospel

Mans heart was darkened at his fall into sin in the Garden of Eden. Man didn't wish to remember God or His Laws. Romans 1:19-28 Our knowledge of God and of what He is imperfect. See Romans 3:11 Discuss the nature of man.

b). So God had to give His law again. He gave the Ten commandments to

Moses. See Ex. 20

Law and Gospel

c). The Ten Commandments

2. Are the foundations of the world's best laws.

3. The requirement of the Law is Love

Love

- Toward God - Called First Table of the Law
- Toward Man - Called Second Table of the Law

B. Gospel

Law and Gospel are the two major doctrines taught in the Bible

Law and Gospel

The differences between Law and Gospel

Law Shows Our Sin	
Gospel Shows Our Savior	
Law - SOS	Gospel - SOS
Shows what we are to do.	Shows what God has done.
This Damns	This Saves

Gospel

John 3:16

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

The New International Version, (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House) 1984.

Gospel

The Good News about Jesus Christ is:

- Our sins are forgiven
- Salvation is God's gift to us
- God gives forgiveness, faith, eternal life, and the power to please him with good works.

John 3:16, John 6:63, Romans 1:16, Colossians 1:6

Law

Law in Detail
 Who can keep the Law perfectly?
 no one!!!!!!!!!!!!

But God expects us to be perfect, see Matthew 5:48 "be perfect". See James 2:10; Eccl. 7:20; Gal 3:11

The Law is like a picture. One line drawn through it spoils the whole picture.

Suppose you were being rescued from a flood and they lower a chain from a helicopter to you and one link breaks. What would happen?

Law

Some people don't think they need Christ. He is our chain that never breaks. He pulls us up to heaven.

The three uses of the Law

Curb - Stop us from uncontrolled sin. By the threat and fear of punishment, God curbs our actions.

Mirror - Shows us what we really are. Sinful. Rebellious. It points out our faults. See Romans 7:7 See Romans 3:20

Rule/Guide - Tells us how God wants us to live. After we have come to know Jesus as our Savior.

Sin

Sin - Original Sin

A. The devil was the first one to sin, Isaiah 14:12, then the devil led man to sin. Genesis 3:1-7

B. Sin is missing the mark! If you say the sin slowly you'll be able to hear Satan's hiss in the word.

C. Transgression is stepping over the line. See 1 John 3:4

1 John 3:4

⁴ Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. (KJV)

Means of Grace

- ☐ The Gospel is the means of Grace
 - The written and spoken Word of the Gospel and the sacraments are the means of grace.
 - The means of Grace are those vehicles that God uses to bring saving faith to people.

Word and Sacrament

Romans 10:17

17 Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

Sacraments

What is a Sacrament?

Sacra - ments ---

A sacred act, ordained (commanded) by God, which comes with a promise of forgiveness of sins and eternal life, and where a earthly element like water, unleavened bread and wine are used.

A sacred Act, ordained by God

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Visible means (Water)	+	God's Word (Gospel)
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Forgiveness of Sin		

Sacraments

Two - Sacraments

1. Baptism
2. Lord's Supper

Both are **Means of Grace.**

Means of Grace are those things that God has given the Church to use to communicate and give forgiveness of sins.

Sacraments

Three things make up a Sacrament

1. God's Command ↩

A. Jesus, "go make disciples
..Baptize-be...baptized" Matthew
28:19 & Acts 2:38

B. Jesus, "do this..." Matt. 26: 26-
29 & Luke 22:19 & I Cor. 11:24

Sacraments

2. God's Promise

A. For the forgiveness of sin -
Acts 2:38 & Acts 22:16

B. For Eternal Life Mark 16:16

Sacraments – Visible Means

3. God gives Visible Means

A. Baptism - water.

B. Lord's Supper - Bread and Wine

Revelation 2:10

10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.
